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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST GROUP CHANGES NAME

1. THE HEAD OF THE WORKERS LIBERATION LEAGUE (WLL), TREVOR MUNROE, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HIS ORGANIZATION WILL BE TURNED INTO A POLITICAL PARTY IN DECEMBER. THE NEW PARTY WILL BE CALLED THE WORKERS PARTY OF JAMAICA, AND WILL BE ORGANIZED AT A CONFERENCE IN EARLY DECEMBER.

2. COMMENT: THE WLL IS JAMAICA'S LARGEST OPENLY COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION. ORGANIZING ITSELF AS A REGULAR POLITICAL PARTY WILL ENABLE IT TO RESTRUCTURE AND REACH AREAS SO FAR UNTOUCHED. ALTHOUGH IT IS STILL SOMEWHAT PRO-MANLEY, THE NEW "PARTY" SHOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO CAPITALIZE ON THE GROWING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THE THEME DOES NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE ANTI-MANLEY, BUT RATHER ANTI-IMF, IMPERIALISM, CIA, ETC. THIS MOVE BY THE WILL DOES PUSH MANLEY CLOSER TO THE NECESSITY OF MAKING A BASIC DECISION OF WHETHER TO MOVE LEFT OR TRY TO CONTINUE TO STRADDLE THE LEFT AND THE MODERATES. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE IF THE NEW PARTY WILL ATTRACT ANY MASS FOLLOWING.

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